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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

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TAGS: BEXP, AF
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: FOLLOW UP ON UOP VISIT

REF: A. STATE 205184; B. KABUL 5631

1. EMBASSY CONSIDERED VISIT OF UOP MANAGEMENT SERVICES
VP RAYMOND WORTHWHILE AND FELT VALUABLE PERSONAL EXCHANGES
WERE MADE. RAYMOND PROVIDED USEFUL INFORMATION DURING
MEETINGS, AND ENG. SALAH, ACTING DEPUTY OF MINES
AND INDUSTRIES, COMMENTED TO EMBOFF BOTH ON RAYMOND'S
COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE AND ON RAYMOND'S IDEAS "WHICH HAVE
FORCED US TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE ARE DOING THINGS." LETTERS
FROM RAYMOND TO SALAH AND BARAK HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, HAVE
BEEN PASSED TO ADDRESSEES WITH COPIES TO OTHER INTERESTED
MINISTRY OFFICIALS. UOP'S BACKGROUND HAS BEEN EXPLAINED
TO ENG. TOUFIQUI, PRESIDENT OF INDUSTRIES, WHO IS NOW
EXPLORING FEASIBILITY STUDIES IN RELATED FIELDS (REFTEL B).
EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED LETTERS FROM TEHRAN UOP REP WHICH
HAVE BEEN PASSED TO MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

2. AS EMBOFF EXPLAINED TO RAYMOND, APPROACH HE OUTLINED
WHICH COULD UTILIZE SERVICES OF UOP MANAGEMENT IS DIFFI-
CULT CONCEPT FOR GOA TO ACCEPT AS IT ENTAILS EXPENDITURES
OF GOA FUNDS WITH NO CONCRETE RESULT. GOA HAS TRADITIONALLY
USED DONOR FUNDS FOR STUDIES AND PLANS, SPENT THEIR OWN
MONEY ONLY AT CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION STAGE. THIS WAS
RESTATED BY ENG. SALAH. HOWEVER, SALAH WAS CLEARLY
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INTERESTED IN CONCEPT, AS WELL AS IN SERVICES OFFERED BY

OTHER UOP DIVISIONS, AS OUTLINED BY RAYMOND. EMBASSY
BELIEVES THERE IS SOME POTENTIAL FOR UOP IN AFGHANISTAN
AND THAT RAYMOND'S VISIT LAID EXCELLENT GROUNDWORK FOR
FURTHER CONTACTS, BUT SPECIFIC PROJECT AREAS REMAIN TO
BE DEFINED.

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